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SECOND INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Sir:

In compliance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. § 1.56 and in accordance with the practice under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.97 and 1.98, the Examiner's attention is directed to the enclosed Official Letter/Office Action issued in a counterpart European Patent Application, dated November 21, 2003, citing U.S. Patents 5,717,940 and 5,682,441. These documents were cited in the Information Disclosure Statement filed in this application on March 20, 2003, and have already been made of record, and accordingly, no form PTO-1449 is submitted herewith.

It is respectfully requested that the above information be considered by the Examiner.

Since the only information submitted herewith, the Official Letter itself, issued within the three months immediately preceding the date of this Information Disclosure Statement, no fee is believed to be required. Should the Patent and Trademark Office determine that a fee is required for any reason, such fee should be charged (and any overpayment should be credited) to Deposit Account 06-1205.

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